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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN ITEM - STRENGTHENING ROLE OF UN(SOR)

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1. AGAINST BACKDROP DEVELOPMENTS AT CURRENT GA AND IN LIGHT DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH AND PREOCCUPATIONS EVIDENCED IN REPLIES FROM MEMBER STATES (A/9128, A/9695), DEPT CONTINUES HAVE GRAVE RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT ANY CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME FROM CONTINUANCE OF ROMANIAN ITEM ON GA AGENDA. AT SAME TIME, DEPT, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, SYMPATHIZES WITH ROMANIA'S UNDERLYING CONCERNS IN PROPOSING THIS ITEM AND CONTINUES WISH BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITHIN LIMITS OF US INTERESTS IN UN.

2. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE INDICATE TO ROMANIAN DEL DEPT
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WOULD WISH SEE CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS MADE IN DRAFT

RESOLUTION IF IT INTENDED TO BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS,
INCLUDING US, AS IN PAST.

3. SPECIFICALLY USGADEL SHOULD URGE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. DELETION OR REPHRASING 4TH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WHICH
NOW SEEMS IMPLY SOR WOULD CONTINUE INDEFINITELY ON GA

AGENDA. YOU SHOULD RECALL TO ROMANIANS US CONCERN
EXPRESSED LAST YEAR THAT SOR NOT BECOME ONE OF GA'S
"HARDY PERENNIALS" LIKE SIS. IN US VIEW, AS POINTED
OUT STATE 232127 (NOV 27, 1973), NEITHER GA'S OPERATING
EFFICIENCY NOR UN'S PRESTIGE AND EFFECTIVENESS
ENHANCED BY CONTINUATION ON GA AGENDA OF ITEMS ON
WHICH NO SUBSTANTIVE ACTION TAKEN YEAR AFTER YEAR.

B. HOWEVER, SINCE ONLY 24 MEMBER STATES HAVE YET
EXPRESSED VIEWS ON SOR (OUT OF TOTAL OF 31 REPLIES,
SEVEN ARE FROM SAME STATES), DEPT PREPARED SEE ITEM
CONTINUED FOR ANOTHER YEAR. AT SAME TIME, IT DOES NOT
CONSIDER DECISION CONTAINED OPERATIVE PARA 3 DRAFT RES
JUSTIFIED ON BASIS REPLIES FROM ONLY 24 OUT OF 138
MEMBER STATES AND IN ABSENCE SIGNIFICANT CONCRETE
PROPOSALS IN THESE REPLIES ON WHICH GENERAL AGREEMENT
APPEARS LIKELY AT THIS JUNCTURE. DEPT FURTHER BELIEVES
ANY SUCH DECISION SHOULD BE MADE ON BASIS ALL REPLIES,
INCLUDING THOSE RECEIVED NEXT YEAR AND COMPLETION
SYG'S REPORT AS CALLED FOR OPERATIVE PARA 5 DRAFT RES.

C. DEPT BELIEVES REFERENCE TO SYG'S EARLIER REPORT
A/9128 SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF DRAFT
RES ALONG WITH REFERENCE TO RECENT REPORT.

D. DEPT BELIEVES OPERATIVE PARA 4 OF DRAFT RES SHOULD
END WITH "CONTAINED IN THE PERTINENT CHAPTERS OF THE
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL". WE COULD NOT AGREE
TO UN ORGANS BEING ASKED BY GA AS A WHOLE TO UTILIZE
VIEWS, SUGGESTIONS, AND PROPOSALS WHICH GA HAS NOT
CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND ENDORSED.

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4. IN GIVING THESE COMMENTS ROMANIAN DEL, YOU SHOULD
STRESS OUR CONTINUING DESIRE BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE;
HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE ROMANIAN ITEM PUSHED
TO EXTENT THAT IT OPENS A PANDORA'S BOX OF CONTENTIOUS
ISSUES AND LEADS TO DIVISIVE CONFRONTATION AMONG UN
MEMBERS ON SUBSTANCE THAT WOULD ONLY WEAKEN THE UN'S
ROLE. INGERSOLL

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